

USAID 1st Report (October'01 – March'02) according the Two-Year Work Plan

STRENGTHENING POLICY TOOLS TO ACHIEVE INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT
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ACTIVITIES	ACTIONS TO SUPPORT MAY INCLUDE:	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	COMMENTS, VERIFIERS AND PRODUCTS	COMMENTS:WHEN DONE, CHANGES OR EXPLANATIONS .
Objective 1: Use experience of existing OETs to inform future processes.		*		Analysis to be completed in first year of program and will form basis of some of the other actions below	
Activity 1: Consultant will carry out an analysis of the current status of 3/5 OET that are in use or in development along the coasts in the Mexican Caribbean and the Gulf of California. This will address the following issues relative to the OET: general description, critical gaps, links with other planning processes including other OETs, identification of roles for implementing and enforcing, and develop a baseline of the public awareness of the project,	Design Study	*		Share the document outline with others such as TNC and URI.	The first report will be share with TNC and URI and if necessary we will organize a meeting to discuss about the processes needed to take next steps.
	Gather and review pertinent documents	*		Review existing mature OET's such as the Nichupté Lagoon, the Cancún Tulum Corridor and Los Cabos Corridor, and compare with Costa Maya.	A consultant (Mercedes Rodriguez) has been hired to develop an evaluation of existing mature OET's . June '02 we will have the final draft.

	Identify and interview key actors in government, NGOs and institutions	*		Interview identified stakeholders and its interventions in OET's.	An introduction letter has been given to the consultant to facilitate consultation with key actors such as PROFEPA and State Government.. The consultant has interview and make direct contact with other OET participants.
	Produce Draft document, review	*		Draft document produced and circulated among participants.	The first draft is planned to be ready by June 2002.
	Produce final document and report.	*		Analysis publication and use of its findings in other parts of the project	The final report is schedule to be ready for consultation with other organizations such as TNC and URI in August 2002.
<p>Activity 2: Organize regionally focused workshops for targeted audiences to share results from analysis. To get consensus an input from stakeholders.</p> <p>To include: SEMARNAT, PROFEPA, local authorities, local key stakeholders, and academic and NGO sectors</p>	First work shop. Gulf of California .	*		Workshop report, will include participation list, objectives achieved, materials & methodology used, follow-up agreements.	<p>The workshop (if feasible) will be organized after specific consultations occurre. (Possible conflicts with official Gulf of California OET consultation process).</p> <p>Within the Nautical Route Project a possible collaboration link with the fishermen and tourism sectors has been initiated.</p>

	Prepare summary of outcomes	*		Summary distributed to key individuals and others. Results Published and/or press releases. Results used in Gulf of California OET process.	
	Second Workshop Mesoamerican Caribbean Reef		*	Workshop report, will include participation list, objectives achieved, materials & methodology used, follow-up agreements.	Possible lack of interest from stakeholders since OETs are planned to be published in the near future: Sian Ka'an Corredor Cancun-Tulum (Riviera Maya) and Cozumel.
	Prepare summary of outcomes		*	Summary distributed to key individuals and others. Results published and/or press releases	
Activity 3: Work with Sian Ka'an Reserve Director to facilitate a successful OET for the biosphere reserve.	Collaborate in the public consensus building meetings.	*		Report on the development of the participatory process meetings: Technical Committee (1) Informative meetings (4) Formal Consultation (2)	Juan Bezaury participated on the first meeting of the OET Steering group that included federal, state and municipal governments. Afterwards he led the public participation process through three meetings in Playa del Carmen with fishermen, landowners and tourism providers sectors and one meeting in Felipe Carrillo Puerto with the sectors above mentioned.

	Provide technical input or facilitate the necessary technical input to the OET	*	*	Report on this aspect in narrative reports.	Oral presentations were accompanied by overhead slides. Technical input to the Reserve's Director was regularly provided over the phone during the process.
	Review the final OET document		*	Final version of the OET including public participation input defined.	A final version was defined by the Steering Committee after public consultation.
	Facilitate final lobbying for the adoption of the OET		*	OET officially submitted for publication on State Record.	The publication of the Sian Ka'an OET in the State Register was announced by Victor Lichtinger SEMARNAT Minister on April the 30 th and will be actually published next week. This will conclude Activity 3.
Objective 2: Facilitate effective inclusion of environmental priorities in the design and implementation of OETs in two regions				Target priorities and track their inclusion in final decisions.	

Activity 4: Collaborate with SEMARNAT and INE to ensure incorporation of the results of conservation priorities for biodiversity in the Gulf of California in the planning process.	Direct participation in key stakeholder, political and technical processes	*	*	Report on the development of the political, technical and participatory process	WWF's Gulf of California team and the Mexico office have been participating with the group working on the Sea of Cortez OET. We have defined the polygons where marine protection & conservation policies, should be applied based on the results of the Mazatlán biodiversity priorities workshop. We have been directly lobbying CONANP and INE, since the public participation process has not been initiated.
	Workshop on lessons learned in OET analysis (see activity 2)	*		Workshop record with conclusions and agreements. (Lessons learned from the use/misuse of OETs)	The Technical Minutes of the conservation priorities for the Gulf of California are ready and being review by a special group of experts. During May a workshop will be held to define the first phase of the MPA's network. These activities have taken place with match funding from WWF Netherlands.

	Summarize identified priorities that appear in final document		*	Incorporate lessons learned in the Gulf of California OET.	
	Facilitate final lobbying for the adoption of the OET		*	OET officially submitted for publication on State Records.	
Activity 5: A consultant will help facilitate the integration of environmental issues by the Committee for the Integrated management of Costa Maya in the implementation of the Costa Maya OET	Facilitate the definition of roles and responsibility of the Committee	*		Report a summary of outcomes, organizational or decision tree and working effectiveness.	Amigos de Sian Ka'an, A.C. was hired to establish and consolidate a Network of environmental guards for the sustainable development of the Costa Maya. This group will monitor adequate implementation of the legal instruments applicable for the region. This NGO led multi institutional group will be integrated by government officials at the federal, state and municipal level, scientific community and stakeholders from the local business and social sectors. This activity is being matched by funds from the Packard Foundation.

	Facilitate the linkage of the Committee and the technical mechanisms to assist implementation		*	Produce summary of links made and if the information was used.	
	Facilitate the definition of a transparent decision making process for the Committee		*	Document understanding of roles and paths for key decisions of the Committee	
	Develop an analysis of the impact of the principles promoted in the first year and the decisions reached by the committee		*	Report on the success achieved—this product will be developed with input from products of first year's work	
	Development of Recommendations for Committees in other regions of Mexico.		*	A list of key recommendations produced and disseminated	
Objective 3: Communication of the results to impact individual and political decision making to consider conservation priorities and the outcome of OET processes					
Activity 6: Hire a consultant to develop a pilot web page to disseminate information on the State of Quintana Roo OET, specifically to disseminate information to facilitate compliance to the regulation.	Develop basic set of information for dissemination. "Look before you Buy Campaign".		*	Information to be included in the website defined. Communicate with other initiatives.	A consultant (Cesar Silva) has been hired to gather the data base of current OET's. This activity was advanced due to the successful completion of the Sian Ka'an OET.

	Ecological criteria of the OETs translated to English		*	English translation.	
	Interactive maps elaborated.		*	Spanish and English versions incorporated into the interactive map.	
	Incorporate initial page on WWF MPO site.		*	Launched web site to include hit counter	
	Develop links to key web pages and other printed resources in the region.		*	Links incorporated and working. Printed advise included in handout magazines.	
Activity 7: Participation in the elaboration of key national level policy tools aimed at coastal resources. Examples include: Federal Coastal Law, Federal Protected Areas Law, General Law for OETs	Attend key meetings, workshops and forums	*	*	Include summaries of these activities and any outcomes in reports	<p>A consultant (Claudio Torres Nachon) has been hired to analyze the proposed Mexican Coastal Law. During five months, starting in April 2002, the consultant will analyze the document and possible subsequent modification of the Coastal Law and also he will actively participate in the different consultation and discussion groups.</p> <p>In the Gulf of California WWF is supporting the elaboration of the Shrimp NOM (Mexican official Norm).</p>

	Provide technical input to processes.	*	*	Reporting on information and other inputs	The first report from the consultant (July) will be analyzed and possible discussion sessions with specific groups promoted.
	Collaborate in the public consensus building meetings.	*	*	Report on the development of the participatory process meetings.	The consultant will actively participate in the various meetings with a close follow up and collaboration from Juan Bezaury.
	Facilitate final lobbying for the adoption of pertinent legislation.		*	Legislation published in Federal Record.	